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Public Service Commission of SC
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my outrage and to protest SCE&G's timing of a request for an almost 10% rate hike at a time of an economic struggle unparalleled since the Great Depression.

It is significant that for Duke Power customers the cost of 1,000 kilowatt hours is about \$93 following its recent rate increase, yet for SCE&G the same level of power costs \$118. The rate boost, if granted, would put it at \$130.

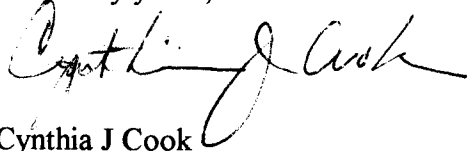
SCE&G has higher rates than other investor-owned utilities, as well as publicly owned Santee-Cooper.

SCE&G was approved for a 2.5 percent rate increase annually for the next decade, following a 4.4 percent rate hike in 2008.

SCE&G made a profit of \$280,000,000 in 2009.

Please consider the financial stresses of so many people that your decisions affect. We need your help.

Very truly yours,



Cynthia J Cook